

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

JUNE 29, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Pasquale Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Michael Zuccarelli, Peter Criscuolo, Daniel Fleming, Chief Vincent Landisio, Deputy Chief David Marcarelli and 1st Selectman Michael Freda. Absent from the meeting was Commissioner Sam Muzio.

Chief Vincent Landisio made presentations for two (2) heart saves that occurred recently in Town. One (1) of the victims was present. Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked the firefighters and the paramedic program for what they have done for the residents in Town. First Selectman Michael Freda spoke on behalf of all the residents of North Haven thanking the firefighters for their public safety and for having a wonderful format in Town. He is very proud of all the men and women of the fire department both career and volunteer and thanks all for saving lives of the citizens of North Haven.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission acknowledged all the members of the Building Committee for evaluating the conditions of the fire stations in Town and thanked them for an outstanding job and for their contributions. First Selectman Michael Freda thanked all the Building Committee members for an outstanding job on the conditions of these building and for what needs to be done in the Town of North Haven. They have presented a wonderful plan for public safety and he will bring it to a Town meeting in September 2011. Chairman Nuzzolillo then thanked Building Committee Chairman Peter Criscuolo and acknowledged that the Building Committee's job has been completed.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the need to update the outdated fire stations in Town. This plan could not have been done without this Building Committee and the bipartisan of their members. He then asked all the members to stand and acknowledged them all. Some members then spoke of the experience being on the committee. Chairman Criscuolo then spoke of the process and thanked all his committee members.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then thanked the committee on behalf of everyone in the Town of North Haven. This commission looks forward to a ribbon cutting with all the members of the Building Committee in attendance.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Board of Fire Commission meeting held on May 24, 2011 and the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commission on June 6, 2011. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

The Chief's report was given; he spoke of items involving the department such as the alarms, recent promotions, fit for duty, and recent inspections of firework store fronts, fairs and carnivals within the Town; and training that went on in the department. Lastly, he stated he had no injury/sick leave report to be discussed.

Chief Landisio then reminded all residents in the Town of North Haven of Firework Safety during the upcoming holiday.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the correspondence received within the department. A letter was received from Board of Ethics for a waiver within the department. Also, a letter was received from Sgt. Chris Thorpe of the North Haven Police Department thanking the fire department for a recent heart save in Town. Chairman Nuzzolillo stated he received a letter from Pete Barbiero. Chief Landisio stated that he will have him follow the chain of command and go through the Captain of West Ridge Company # 3. Chairman Nuzzolillo stated he also received a letter from Finance regarding the waiver for the Deputy Chief. He then thanked the Ethics Committee and the Chairman for a marvelous job in this situation.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. He spoke of the Lieutenant's exam; the Rules & Regulations committee; 2012 Parade Committee; and the status of the current fiscal year budget. Commissioner Criscuolo also thanked the Chief for keeping the budget in take. He then spoke of upgrades within the fire department and the possibility of adding four (4) Captains to the rank structure. The commission then had brief discussion regarding these upgrades.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the new business in the department. He spoke of the recruit application process (written test on 8/13/11 and oral exam on 8/15/11); specs on the new apparatus to go out to bid next week. Lastly, he spoke of Firefighter Christopher Shea's deployment. He asked President Anthony DeSimone of Local 2987 if he had anything to add. President DeSimone wishes the best of luck to Firefighter Shea on his mission to Afghanistan. He asked all residents to keep Firefighter Shea and his family in their thoughts and for a speedy trip home. Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission also sends their thoughts and prayers to Firefighter Shea and his family. Lastly, Chief Landisio stated that a banner was hanging on the front of Fire Headquarters for Firefighter Christopher Shea.

Commissioner Criscuolo then asked to speak of the volunteer pensions for all members past and present regarding a raise to their pensions. Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to have the Board of Finance look to elevate the pensions of volunteer firefighters with a 3% cost of living increase at the time they retire. Commissioner Fleming seconded.

Vote: Nuzzolillo-no, Zuccarelli-no, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes
The motion was denied.

Discussion was then had amongst the commission regarding the increase for volunteer pensions. Chief Landisio will look into this and get back to the commission.

Chief Landisio discussed the good of the department. He spoke of the recent car wash fund raiser that raised \$4000 for the 2012 Parade Convention. He thanked Captain John McFarland and all the volunteers for their participation and to all for their great

donations. Lastly, he stated on June 18, 2011 there was a memorial service for Retired Firefighter William Dobbins he received a proper send off and it was a fitting tribute.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked all for their participation at the memorial service and to all the volunteers for a job well done on the car wash fund raiser.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved to convene an executive session at 7:25 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept Matthew Steele, Quincy Cutchin, Kurt Muzio and Richard Shultz as probationary members of West Ridge Company # 3 pending medical clearance. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there were any public comments. Volunteer Howie Cappetta of Montowese Company # 2 had a question regarding the pension upgrades. Some discussion was had with Commissioner Criscuolo. Then Volunteer Ray Prunier of Montowese Company # 2 had a question regarding personnel. Chief Landisio then stated that the commission needed to go back into Executive Session.

Commissioner Criscuolo moved to convene another executive session at 8:03 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to accept Paul Apuzzo to Montowese Company # 2 as a probationary member, effective immediately. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Therefore, there being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 8:08 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Zuccarelli, Secretary

The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2011 at the Park & Rec. Center in the Game Room at 6:00 P.M.